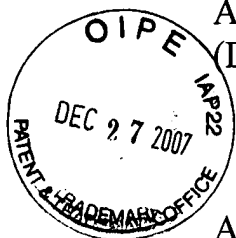


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2007, in which the Examiner raises formal objections to the claims 40, 41, 43, 44, 46, and 49, rejected claims 40, 41, 43, 44, 46, 49, for being indefinite, and allowed claims 47 and 48.

The Examiner's allowance of claims 47-48 is appreciated.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: